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SUBJ: OIL SITUATION: NORTH AFRICAN PORT CLOSURE RUMOR

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1. JITTERS OF THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH OIL INDUSTRY, INCLUDING SHIP BROKERS, CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDABLE. HOWEVER, WE, LIKE USINT ALGIERS, HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT REPORTS OF INTENT TO CLOSE LIBYAN AND ALGERIAN OIL PORTS ON JAN 27.

[redacted] BROKERS [redacted] MAY HAVE INFERRED THAT COMPANIES ANTICIPATE PORT CLOSURE SHORTLY. THERE IS NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT CLOSURES OR PRODUCTIIN CUTS ARE LIKELY WITHIN ANY FIXED PERIOD, BUT BOTH REMAIN DEFINITE HAZARDS.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES RISK OF UNILATERAL ACTION BY LARG WILL, AGAIN, INCREASE BEGINNING JAN 28 - DATE ON WHICH INDUSTRY REPS HOPE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH LARG AND BY WHICH TIME MINPET MABRUK SHOULD HAVE RETURNED FROM TEHRAN WITH ASSURANCES THAT GULF PRODUCERS ALSO INSIST THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN TEHRAN BE SEPARATED FROM

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